

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 774

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend head coach Presley Ramsey and the 2011-12 Donelson Christian Academy boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2011-12 Donelson Christian Academy (DCA) boys' basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats (19-10) achieved an unprecedented level of success during the 2011-2012 season when they defeated the University School of Nashville (USN) team 55-33 in the TSSAA Division II-A championship game at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena, capping a stellar season by securing the school's first-ever basketball state championship; and

WHEREAS, Carson Outlaw led the Wildcats with sixteen points and Josh Erickson, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, scored fifteen points in DCA's first trip to the title game; and

WHEREAS, the teams had split two games this season, with USN winning 67-52 in December, and DCA winning 57-47 in the regional semifinals; and

WHEREAS, DCA took a 28-14 lead into halftime after Mr. Erickson hit a three-pointer with less than five seconds remaining; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats did not let up in the second half, extending their lead to as many as twenty-seven points; and

WHEREAS, the team secured this prestigious victory under the astute leadership of head coach Presley Ramsey, assistant coaches Stan Dismuke, Mike Loftis, and Bret Schierling, and team managers Zach Sanders and Jackson Schierling; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Coach Ramsey has been named District/Region Coach of the Year eight times, Mid-State Coach of the Year two times, Civitan Coach of the Year, and he is a two-time recipient of the State Coaches Award; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable career, Presley Ramsey has led teams to two district championships, three region championships, two state championships, and a total of 519 wins; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ramsey is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his two grown children, Julianne and Brett; and

WHEREAS, the extremely talented members of the team who made this season's unparalleled victory possible are: Joshua Joy, Collin Johnston, Clay Hertel, Will Henry, Carson Outlaw, Jake Singer, Josh Erickson, Brett Wolfe, Jordan Holladay, Ira Von Almen, Coleman Sutton, Shiv Patel, De Ewin, Jarin Worden, Michael Johnson, and Ty Tucker; and

WHEREAS, the members of the DCA boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a stellar championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Donelson Christian Academy boys' basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate head coach Presley Ramsey and the coaches, players, and managers of the 2011-12 Donelson Christian Academy boys' basketball team on winning the TSSAA Division II Class A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.